

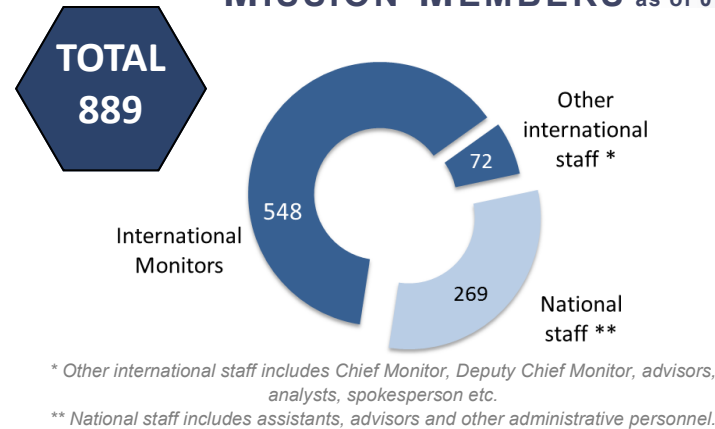


OSCE SMM monitoring the withdrawal of tanks in Luhansk region, 5 October 2015. (Reuters)

LATEST NEWS

- On 29 September participants of the Trilateral Contact Group's working group on security issues finalized their work on a long-awaited Addendum to the February Package of Measures. The Addendum is a plan for withdrawal to a distance of 15km for tanks, artillery pieces up to 100mm in calibre, and mortars up to and including 120mm. SMM Chief Monitor Ertugrul Apakan [welcomed](#) the agreement in a statement the following day.
- On 1-3 October OSCE SMM Deputy Chief Monitor Alexander Hug visited Luhansk to assess the general security situation in the region and meet with the SMM team. The SMM patrol with Hug attempted to reach the international border but was prevented from proceeding by "LPR" "border guards". Hug also met with interlocutors to solicit support for opening the SMM Forward Patrol Bases in the Luhansk region.
- On 4 October the SMM started to monitor the withdrawal of weapons as required under the Addendum to the Package of Measures.
- The ceasefire largely continued to hold, with few incidents recorded, most of which were assessed to have involved the use of small-arms or to have likely been part of training or demining activities. Heavy weapons, however, remained ever-present, constituting a risk of escalation.
- The SMM held a workshop for its newly-established Kyiv Youth Contact Group on 26-28 September. As a result of the workshop the participants presented two projects to foster dialogue in Kyiv and in eastern Ukraine. In the coming months they will work together with SMM members to implement their ideas. Learn more about the Youth Contact Group here: <http://bit.ly/YouthContactGroup>
- Daily SMM reports are available in three languages (English, Ukrainian, Russian) on the OSCE website: www.osce.org/ukraine-smm.

MISSION MEMBERS as of 07.10.2015



Addendum to the Package of Measures for the implementation of the Minsk agreements

What has been signed?

The Addendum to the Package of measures of 12 February 2015 is a plan for withdrawal to a distance of 15km for tanks, artillery pieces up to 100mm in calibre, and mortars up to and including 120mm in calibre, creating a 30km security zone.

This withdrawal will be implemented in two stages:

- The first stage has already started, and will be implemented in most of the Security Zone in the Luhansk region. It will be implemented by weapon types – first tanks, then artillery pieces, then mortars – and should take 15 days.
- The second stage will be implemented, again by weapon types, throughout the whole of the rest of the Security Zone, and should take 24 days.

What will the SMM do?

- The Mission will play a supporting role through monitoring and verification.
- Within its mandate the SMM will monitor and verify both the process of withdrawal into storage sites and continued compliance with all provisions of the Addendum.
- The signatories of the Addendum remain in control of the process of implementation.
- The objective and impartial reporting of the SMM – to all 57 OSCE participating States – will help ensure that the signatories, too, are aware of progress. This reporting can help them identify any issues at an early stage.

MISSION MONITORS

Albania	1	Kyrgyzstan	12
Armenia	2	Latvia	8
Austria	15	Lithuania	2
Belarus	2	Moldova	16
Belgium	2	Mongolia	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	15	Montenegro	1
Bulgaria	15	Netherlands	9
Canada	13	Norway	8
Croatia	12	Poland	27
Czech Republic	18	Portugal	4
Denmark	15	Romania	31
Estonia	7	Russian Federation	28
Finland	26	Serbia	6
France	8	Slovakia	6
former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	12	Slovenia	1
Georgia	4	Spain	11
Germany	22	Sweden	19
Greece	12	Switzerland	11
Hungary	23	Tajikistan	1
Ireland	11	Turkey	10
Italy	22	United Kingdom	26
Kazakhstan	4	United States	49
		TOTAL	548
Male	450	Female	98